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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A new Abstract is found on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are found on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.